## INFLATIONS OF THE AG-GROUPOIDS 1

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**Abstract.** Inflations of semigroups are considered by Clifford [4] and Petrich [7]. The notion of n-inflation was inreduced by S.Bogdanović and S.Milić in [3] In this paper we made the construction for the n-inflation of the AG-groupoid, and gave some of its properties.

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#### 1. Introduction

Before we consider the construction for the n-inflation we shall give the definition of an AG-groupoid. After that we shall introduce some notions such as retract extension, inflation, strong inflation, etc.

The groupoid S on which the following is true

$$(\forall a, b, c \in S) \ (ab)c = (cb)a,$$

is an AG-groupoid (Abel-Grassmann's groupoid), [5]. On an AG-groupoid holds medial law

$$(ab)(cd) = (ac)(bd)$$

for every  $a, b, c, d \in S$ . An AG-groupoid B whose all elements are idempotents we shall call an AG-band.

A subset I of S is a left (right, two sided) ideal of S if  $SI \subseteq I$  ( $IS \subseteq I$ ,  $SIS \subseteq I$ ).

**Definition 1.1** Let S and T be two disjoint groupoids, and suppose that T has a zero element. AG-groupoid V is said to be an (ideal) extension of S by T if it contains S as an ideal and the Rees factor  $V \mid S$  is isomorphic to T. If, in addition, there is partial homomorphism  $\varphi: T - 0 \longrightarrow S$  such that for all  $A, B \in T - \{0\}$  and  $c, d \in S$ :

$$A \circ B = \left\{ egin{array}{ll} AB, & \ for & AB 
eq 0 & \ in T \\ \varphi(A)\varphi(B), & \ for & AB = 0 & \ in T, \end{array} 
ight.$$

 $A \circ c = \varphi(A)c$ ,  $c \circ A = c\varphi(A)$ ,  $c \circ d = cd$ , then we say that the extension V is determined by the partial homomorphism.

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**Definition 1.2** Let V be an extension of S. We say that V is a retract extension if there exists the homomorphism  $\varphi$  of V onto S such that  $\varphi(x) = x$ , for all  $x \in S$ . In this case we call  $\varphi$  a retraction.

M. Petrich in [7] proved that an extension V of a semigroup S by semigroup T with zero is determined by a partial homomorphism iff it is a retract. S. Bogdanović and S. Milić [3] gave one more characterization for retract extension of semigroups; we shall carry it out for AG-groupoids. Authors of this paper made such a constructions for the  $AG^*$ -groupoids in paper [8].

Clifford in [4] have defined a notion of an inflation of a semigroup, and we shall extend it to an inflation of an arbitrary groupoid. A groupoid G is an inflation of a groupoid T if T is a subgroupoid of G and there exists the mapping  $\varphi: G \to T$  for which  $\varphi(a) = a, a \in T$  and  $xy = \varphi(x)\varphi(y), x, y \in G$ .

We can also give a notion of a strong inflation of a groupoid which is based on the definition of M. Petrich [7] for a strong inflation of semigroups. Let T be a groupoid. To any  $a \in T$  we associate the sets  $X_a$  and  $Y_a$  with the following properties:

$$a \in X_a$$
,  $X_a \cap X_b = Y_a \cap Y_b = \emptyset$ , for  $a \neq b$ ,  $X_a \cap Y_b = \emptyset$  for all  $a, b \in T$ .

For  $x \in Y_a$ ,  $y \in Y_b$  let the element  $\varphi^{(a,b)}(x,y) \in X_{ab}$ . Let  $Z_a = X_a \cup Y_a$ ,  $G = \bigcup_{a \in T} Z_a$  and define an operation \* on G in the following way:

$$x*y = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \varphi^{(a,b)}(x,y), & \quad x \in Y_a, y \in Y_b \\ ab, & \quad \text{in other case} \end{array} \right.$$

where  $x \in Z_a, y \in Z_b$ . The groupoid G is a strong inflation of the groupoid T.

**Definition 1.3** Let G be an arbitrary groupoid, for  $n \in Z^+$  we can define the set  $G^{(n)}$  in the following way:

$$G^{(1)} = G; \ G^{(2)} = G^2 = \{xy : x, y \in G\}; \ G^{(n+1)} = GG^{(n)} \cup G^{(n)}G \ for \ n > 2$$

In other words,  $G^{(n)}$  contains all products of a length n with all possible combinations of brackets, and we can call it general power of G. It is obvious that for all  $n \in Z^+$ ,  $G^n$  is an ideal in G. For if  $x \in G$ ,  $a \in G^{(n)}$ , we can suppose without loss of generality that  $a = ((x_1x_2)x_3)...)x_n$ , then  $xa = x(((x_1x_2)x_3)...)x_n)) \in G^{(n)}$  and  $ax = (((x_1x_2)x_3)...)x_n))x \in G^{(n)}$ , since  $x_1x_2 \in G$ . We also have that  $G^{(n+1)} \subseteq G^{(n)}$  for all  $n \in Z^+$ .

It is easy to show that if a groupoid G is a strong inflation of a groupoid T then G is a retract extension of T and  $G^{(3)} \subset T$ .

**Definition 1.4** Groupoid G is an n-nilpotent if  $G^{(n)} = 0$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

If T=0 and G is a strong inflation of T then G is an n-nilpotent, and degree of nilpotency is  $n \leq 3$ .

Although we defined inflations on an arbitrary groupoid, in this paper we shall discuss only inflations of the AG-groupoids.

### 2. n-inflation of the AG-groupoids

In this paragraph we shall modify the construction of the n-inflation of semigroup made by S. Bogdanović and S. Milić to an n-inflation of the AG-groupoid.Let us remark that for n=1 we obtain Clifford's inflation and for n=2 we obtain Petrich's (strong) inflation.

**Lemma 1** Let T be an AG-groupoid, to any  $a \in T$  we associate a family of sets  $X_i^a$ , i = 1, 2, ..., n such that  $a \in x_r^a$  for some  $r \in 1, 2, ..., n$  and

(3) 
$$X_i^a \cap X_j^a = \emptyset$$
 for  $i \neq j$ ;  $X_i^a \cap X_j^b = \emptyset$  for  $a \neq b$ .

For the nonempty sets  $X_i^a$  and  $X_i^b$  let

(4) 
$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{(i,j)}^{(a,b)} : X_i^a \times X_j^b &\to \cup_{\nu=1}^n X_\nu^{ab}, \ if \quad i+j \le n \\ \phi_{(i,j)}^{(a,b)}(x,y) &= ab, \ if \quad i+j > n \\ \phi_{(i,j)}^{(a,b)}(a,y) &= \phi_{(i,j)}^{(a,b)}(x,b) = ab \end{aligned}$$

be the mappings for which it holds:

(5) 
$$(\forall s \ge i + j)(\forall t \ge k + j)$$
  $\phi_{(s,k)}^{(ab,c)}(\phi_{(i,j)}^{(a,b)}(x,y),z) = \phi_{(t,i)}^{(cb,a)}(\phi_{(k,j)}^{(c,b)}(z,y),x)$ 

for all  $a, b, c \in T$  where  $i + j \le n$  or  $j + k \le n$  or  $s + k \le n$  or  $t + i \le n$ . Let  $Y_a = \bigcup_{i=1}^n X_i^a$ , on  $S = \bigcup_{a \in T} Y_a$ , define operation \* with:

$$x * y = \phi_{(i,j)}^{(a,b)}(x,y), x \in X_i^a, y \in X_j^b, 1 \le i, j \le n.$$

Then (S, \*) is an AG-groupoid.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in Y_a$ ,  $y \in Y_b$ ,  $z \in Y_c$  i.e.  $x \in X_i^a$ ,  $y \in X_j^b$ ,  $z \in X_k^c$ ,  $1 \le i, j, k \le n$ . Let  $i + j \le n$ ,  $j + k \le n$ . Then we have:

$$(x * y) * z = \phi_{(i,j)}^{(a,b)}(x,y) * z = \phi_{(s,k)}^{(ab,c)}(\phi_{(i,j)}^{(a,b)}(x,y),z)$$

$$= \phi_{(t,i)}^{(cb,a)}(\phi_{(k,j)}^{(c,b)}(z,y),x) = \phi_{(k,j)}^{(c,b)}(z,y) * x$$

$$= (z * y) * x$$

In other cases we can prove in a similar way that (x \* y) \* z = (z \* y) \* x, so (S,\*) is an AG-groupoid.

**Definition 2.1** An AG-groupoid S constructed in Lemma 2.1. is called an n-inflation of the AG-groupoid T.

**Theorem 1.** An AG-groupoid S is an n-inflation of the groupoid T iff  $S^{(n+1)} \subset T$  and S is a retract extension of T.

*Proof* Let S be an n-inflation of a semigroup T. By (5) T is an ideal of S. Let  $u \in S^{(n+1)}$ . Without loss of generality we can suppose that  $u = (\dots (s_1 * s_2) * s_3) * \dots) * s_{n+1}$  and  $s_r \notin T, r = 1, 2, \dots, n+1$ . Let  $s_r \in X_1^{a_r}, a_r \in T$ , then:

$$u = (\dots(s_1 * s_2) * s_3) * \dots) * s_{n+1} = (\dots(\phi_{(1,1)}^{(a_1,a_2)}(s_1,s_2) * s_3) \dots) * s_{n+1}$$

If 2 > n then  $\phi_{(1,1)}^{(a_1,a_2)}(s_1,s_2) = u_1 \in T$ , so  $u \in T$ . If  $2 \le n$  then:

$$u = (\dots(u_1 * s_3) * \dots) * s_{n+1} = (\dots(\phi_{(t_1,1)}^{(a_1 a_2, a_3)}(u_1, s_3)) * s_4) \dots) * s_{n+1},$$

where  $u_1 \in X_{t_1}^{a_1 a_2}$ ,  $2 \le t_1 \le n$ . If  $t_1 + 1 > n$  then  $\phi_{(t_1, 1)}^{(a_1 a_2, a_3)}(u_1, s_3) = u_2 \in T$ , so  $u \in T$ . If  $t_1 + 1 \le n$  then:

$$u = (\dots(u_2 * s_4) * s_5) \dots) * s_{n+1}, \quad u_2 \in X_{t_2}^{(a_1 a_2) a_3}, \quad 3 \le t_2 \le n.$$

By continuing this procedure we obtain that if  $t_{n-2} + 1 > n$ , then:

$$\phi_{(t_{n-2},1)}^{((\dots(a_1a_2)a_3)\dots)a_{n-1},a_n)}(u_{n-2},s_n)=u_{n-1}\in T,$$

so  $u \in T$  and if  $t_{n-2} + 1 \le n$  then:

$$u = \phi_{(n,1)}^{((\dots((a_1 a_2)a_3)\dots)a_n, a_{n+1})}(u_{n-1}, s_{n+1}) \in T,$$

since  $n - 1 \le t_{n-2} \le n$  and  $t_{n-2} + 1 = n$ .

Other cases can be proved simillarly, so  $S^{(n+1)} \subset T$ . Let us define the mapping  $\phi: S = \bigcup_{a \in T} Y_a \longrightarrow T$  by  $\phi(x) = a$  for all  $x \in Y_a$ . Let  $x, y \in S$ , then there exist the elements  $a, b \in T$  such that  $x \in Y_a$ ,  $y \in Y_b$  i.e.  $x \in X_i^a$ ,  $y \in X_j^b$ , for some  $1 \le i, j \le n$ . Since  $\phi_{(i,j)}^{(a,b)}(x,y) \in X_k^{ab} \subset Y_{ab}$ ,  $i+j \le k \le n$  we have:

$$\phi(x * y) = \phi(\phi_{(i,j)}^{(a,b)}(x,y)) = ab = \phi(x)\phi(y),$$

so  $\phi$  is a homomorphism. It is clear that  $\phi(a) = a$  for all  $a \in T$  so  $\phi$  is a retraction and S is a retract extension of T.

Conversely let n be the smallest positive integer such that  $S^{(n+1)} \subset T$  and let  $\phi: S \longrightarrow T$  be a retraction from S to T. An arbitrary element  $a \in T$  must be in one of the sets  $S - S^{(2)}, \quad S^{(2)} - S^{(3)}, \dots, S^{(n-1)} - S^{(n)}, \quad S^{(n)}$ , for example  $a \in S^{(n-r)} - S^{(n-r+1)}, \quad 0 \le r \le n-1$ . Let us define the sets  $Y_a = \phi^{-1}(a)$  and

$$\begin{array}{rcl} X_1^a = & Y_a \cap (S - S^{(2)}) \\ X_2^a = & Y_a \cap (S^{(2)} - S^{(3)}) \\ & \cdots \\ X_{n-r-1}^a = & Y_a \cap (S^{(n-r-1)} - S^{(n-r)}) \\ X_{n-r}^a = & Y_a \cap S^{(n-r)} \\ X_{n-r+1}^a = & X_{n-r+2}^a = \cdots = X_n^a = \emptyset. \end{array}$$

For  $a\in T$ , we have that  $Y_a=\cup_{i=1}^n X_i^a$  and  $S=\cup_{a\in T} Y_a$ . For  $x,y\in S$  there exist the elements  $a,b\in T$  such that  $x\in Y_a,\ y\in Y_b$ . By Proposition 1.1  $Y_aY_b\subset Y_{ab}$ . Let  $x\in X_i^a,\ y\in X_j^b,\ a\in S^{(n-r)}-S^{(n-r+1)},\ b\in S^{(n-p)}-S^{(n-p+1)},\ 0\le r,p\le n-1$ , then

$$x \in X_i^a = Y_a \cap (s^{(i)} - S^{(i+1)}), \quad y \in X_i^b = Y_b \cap (s^{(j)} - S^{(j+1)}),$$

where  $1 \leq i \leq n-r$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n-p$ . By above we have that  $xy \in S^{(i)}S^{(j)} \subset S^{(i+j)}$ , if  $i+j \leq n$  then  $xy \in \bigcup_{\nu=i+j}^n X_{\nu}^{ab}$  and if i+j > n then  $xy = ab \in T$ . For  $x \in X_i^a$ ,  $b \in T$  xb = ab and bx = ba. In this way the mappings  $\phi_{(i,j)}^{(a,b)}$  are defined and the condition (6) holds.

If we put in Lemma 2.1 that the mappings  $\phi_{(i,j)}^{(a,b)}: X_i^a \times X_j^b \to X_r^{ab}$ , where  $i+j \leq r \leq n$ , then we obtain a strong inflation.

We can replace the condition (6) in Lemma 2.1. with some other one and obtain an n-inflation of other class of groupoids. If we make construction without the condition (6), then we obtain an n-inflation of groupoid in general. However, in this paper we shall deal only with n-inflations of the AG-grupoids.

**Example 2.1** The AG-groupoid  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, \}$  whose multiplication is given with the following table is a 3-inflation of an AG-groupoid  $T = \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

	1	3 2 1 3 3 2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	1	2	2	3
2	1	2	3	1	1	2
3	3	1	2	3	3	1
4	2	3	1	2	6	3
5	2	3	1	6	2	3
6	1	2	3	1	1	2

Table 1.

The sets  $X_i^j$  are:

$$X_1^1 = \{1\}, \quad X_2^1 = \{4\}, \quad X_3^1 = \{5\}$$
  
 $X_1^2 = \emptyset, \quad X_2^2 = \{2\}, \quad X_3^2 = \{6\}$   
 $X_1^3 = \emptyset, \quad X_2^3 = \emptyset, \quad X_3^3 = \{3\}.$ 

It is obvious that  $S^{(3)} \subset T$  and that there exist retraction from S to T. This inflation is also a strong inflation.

# 3. n-inflations of the orthogonal sum of AG-groupoids

In [7] M. Petrich proved that inflation (1-inflation) of semigroups is compatible with an orthogonal sum. In Theorem 3.1. we shall prove this for inflation of the AG-groupoids (groupoids in general) and give necessary and sufficient conditions for the n-inflation to be compatible with an orthogonal sum (Theorem 3.2).

Let S be an AG-groupoid, 0 element not belonging to S, define x0 = 0x = 00 = 0 for all  $x \in S$ , then  $S \cup \{0\}$  is an AG-groupoid with zero. With  $S^0$  we shall denote S if it has a zero element and  $S \cup \{0\}$  if S does not have a zero element. By  $S^*$  we shall denote the set  $S^0 - 0$ .

**Definition 3.1** We say that an AG-groupoid with the zero  $S^0$  is an orthogonal sum of AG-groupoids  $\{S_{\alpha}, \alpha \in Y\}$  and denote  $S = \Sigma_{\alpha \in Y} S_{\alpha}$ , if  $S = \bigcup_{\alpha \in Y} S_{\alpha}$ ,  $S_{\alpha} \cap S_{\beta} = 0$  and  $S_{\alpha}S_{\beta} = 0$  for all  $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ ,  $\alpha \neq \beta$ .

**Proposition 3.1** The AG-groupoid  $S^0$  is an inflation of the orthogonal sum of the AG-groupoids  $T_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$  iff  $S = \Sigma_{\alpha \in Y} S_{\alpha}$  where  $S_{\alpha}$  are inflations of  $T_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ .

*Proof.* Let  $S^0$  be an inflation of  $T = \sum_{\alpha \in Y} T_{\alpha}$ , and  $\varphi : S^0 \longrightarrow T$  a retraction associated with it. We shall fix  $\beta \in Y$ , for  $\alpha \in Y$ ,  $\alpha \neq \beta$  let

$$S_{\alpha} = \{x \in S : \varphi(x) \in T_{\alpha}^*\} \cup 0, \quad \varphi_{\alpha} = \varphi \mid S_{\alpha}$$

and

$$S_{\beta} = \{x \in S : \varphi(x) \in T_{\beta}\}, \quad \varphi_{\beta} = \varphi \mid S_{\beta}.$$

If  $x, y \in S_{\beta}$ , then  $\varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y) \in T_{\beta}$  so  $xy \in S_{\beta}$ . If  $x, y \in S_{\alpha}^{*}$ ,  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , then  $\varphi(x), \varphi(y) \in T_{\alpha}^{*}$ . If  $\varphi(xy) = 0$  then xy = 0 (since all  $u \in S$  such that  $u \neq 0$  and  $\varphi(u) = 0$  belong to  $S_{\beta}$ ) so  $xy \in S_{\alpha}$ . If  $\varphi(xy) \neq 0$  then  $\varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y) \in T_{\alpha}^{*}$  so  $xy \in S_{\alpha}$ .

Let  $x \in S_{\alpha}$ ,  $y \in S_{\gamma}$  and  $xy \neq 0$ , we have  $xy = \varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y) \neq 0$ , since  $S^2 \subseteq T$  and  $\varphi(x) \in T_{\alpha}$ ,  $\varphi(y) \in T_{\gamma}$  it will be  $\alpha = \gamma$ . Consequently,  $S = \Sigma_{\alpha \in Y} S_{\alpha}$ , and obviously  $S_{\alpha}$  is an inflation of  $T_{\alpha}$  with the retractions  $\varphi_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ .

Conversely, let  $S_{\alpha}$  be inflations of  $T_{\alpha}$  and  $\varphi_{\alpha}: S_{\alpha} \longrightarrow T_{\alpha}$  associated retractions, we can define the mapping  $\varphi: S = \Sigma_{\alpha \in Y} S_{\alpha} \longrightarrow T = \Sigma_{\alpha \in Y} T_{\alpha}$  with

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi_{\alpha}(x), & \text{for } x \in S_{\alpha}^{*} \\ 0, & \text{for } x = 0, \end{cases}$$

It is obvious that S is an inflation of T.

However for an n-inflation of AG-groupoid with zero we have to introduce some restrictions to make it compatible with the orthogonal sum.

**Theorem 2** The AG-groupoid S is an orthogonal sum of the AG-groupoids  $S_{\alpha}$  which are n-inflations of the AG-groupoids  $T_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$  iff S is an n-inflation of  $T = \Sigma_{\alpha \in Y} T_{\alpha}$  and  $X_0^i = \emptyset$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ .

In other words, we should not blow zero element from S.

*Proof.* Suppose that S is an n-inflation of  $T, \varphi : S \longrightarrow T$  associate retraction. Similarly as in proof of Proposition 3.1 we make the sets

$$S_{\alpha} = \{ x \in S : \varphi(x) \in T_{\alpha}^* \} \cup 0$$

and the mappings

$$\varphi_{\alpha} = \varphi \mid_{S_{\alpha}}, \ \alpha \in Y.$$

If  $x, y \in S_{\alpha}^{*}$  then  $\varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y) \in T_{\alpha}^{*}$  so  $xy \in S_{\alpha}^{*}$ . If  $x \in S_{\alpha}$ ,  $y \in S_{\beta}$  and  $xy \neq 0$  then  $\varphi(x)\varphi(y) = \varphi(xy) \neq 0$ , since  $\varphi(x) \in T_{\alpha}$ ,  $\varphi(y) \in T_{\beta}$  it follows that  $\alpha = \beta$ . Therefore, S is an orthogonal sum of  $\{S_{\alpha}, \alpha \in Y\}$ .

Let  $y \in S_{\alpha}^{(n+1)} \subseteq S^{(n+1)}$ , since S is an n-inflation of T it holds  $S^{(n+1)} \subseteq T$ , so  $u \in T$  whence  $\varphi(u) = u$ . Furthermore, since  $u \in S_{\alpha}$  we have  $\varphi(u) \in T_{\alpha}^*$ , whence  $u = \varphi(u) \in T_{\alpha}^*$ . From the above it follows  $S_{\alpha}^{(n+1)} \subseteq T_{\alpha}$  and since  $\varphi_{\alpha}$  are retractions from  $S_{\alpha}$  to  $T_{\alpha}$  by Theorem 2.1  $S_{\alpha}$  is an n-inflation of  $T_{\alpha}$ .

Conversely, if  $S_{\alpha}$  are *n*-inflations of  $T_{\alpha}$ ,  $\varphi_{\alpha}: S_{\alpha} \longrightarrow T_{\alpha}$  associate retractions and  $T = \Sigma_{\alpha \in Y} T_{\alpha}$ , it is easy to prove that  $\varphi: S \longrightarrow T$  defined as in the proof of Proposition 3.1 is a retraction. Obviously,  $S^{(n+1)} \subseteq T$ , so  $S = \Sigma_{\alpha \in Y} S_{\alpha}$  is an *n*-inflation of T.



Figure 1.



Figure 2.

## 4. Inflations of the AG-bands

Now we shall characterize inflations of the AG-bands and semilattices.

**Theorem 3** On an AG-groupoid S the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) S is an inflation of an AG-band,
- (ii)  $S^{(2)}$  is an AG-band,
- (iii) S is an AG-band Y of zero semigroups  $S_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$ , and  $Y \cong E(S) = S^{(2)}$
- $(iv) \ (\forall x, y \in S) \ xy = x^2y^2 = (xy)^2.$

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let S be an inflation of the AG-band T. Then  $S^{(2)} \subseteq T$ , T is an ideal in S and there exists a retraction  $\varphi$  from S onto T. Clearly  $S^{(2)} = T$ .

- $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$  Suppose that  $S^{(2)}$  is an AG-band. The mapping  $\varphi$  defined by  $\varphi(x) = x^2$  is a homomorphism from S to  $S^{(2)}$  because  $\varphi(xy) = (xy)^2 = (xy)(xy) = (xx)(yy) = x^2y^2 = \varphi(x)\varphi(y)$ . Since  $S^{(2)}$  is an AG-band it follows that  $\varphi(x) = x^2 = x$  so  $\varphi$  is a retraction and by Theorem 2.1 S is an inflation of  $S^{(2)}$ .
- $(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)$  Since  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism from S to  $S^{(2)}$ ,  $ker(\varphi)$  is a congruence on S. From  $\varphi(x) = x^2 = x^2x^2 = (x^2)^2 = \varphi(x^2)$  it follows that  $xker(\varphi)x^2$  for all  $x \in S$ , so  $ker(\varphi)$  is a band congruence and  $S \mid_{(ker(\varphi))}$  is an AG-band Y.

For  $x, y \in S_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in Y$  it holds  $xy = \varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y) = e_{\alpha}e_{\alpha} = e_{\alpha}$  and  $xe_{\alpha} = \varphi(xe_{\alpha}) = \varphi(x)\varphi(e_{\alpha}) = e_{\alpha}$ . Similarly,  $e_{\alpha}x = e_{\alpha}$ , so  $S_{\alpha}$  is a zero semigroup with zero  $e_{\alpha}$ .

- $(iii) \Rightarrow (ii)$  Follows immediately.
- $(iv) \Rightarrow (ii)$  Suppose that for all  $x, y \in S$  it holds  $xy = x^2y^2$  then

$$xy = x^2y^2 = (xx)(yy) = (xy)(xy) = (xy)^2$$

so xy is an idempotent and  $S^2$  is an AG-band.

 $(ii) \Rightarrow (iv)$  Let  $S^2$  be an AG-band, then for all  $x, y \in S$  it holds

$$xy = (xy)^2 = (xy)(xy) = (xx)(yy) = x^2y^2.$$

**Example.** Let the AG-groupoid S be given by the following table.

	1	2	3 4 3 1 2 4	4	5	6
1	1	4	2	3	1	4
2	3	2	4	1	3	2
3	4	1	3	2	4	1
4	2	3	1	4	2	3
5	1	4	2	3	1	4
6	3	2	4	1	3	2

Table 2.

This groupoid is an inflation of the AG-band  $T = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  by sets  $X^1 = \{1, 5\}$ ;  $X^2 = \{2, 6\}$ ;  $X^3 = \{3\}$ ;  $X^4 = \{4\}$ . We also have that S is an AG-band T of the zero semigroups  $S_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in T$ , where  $S_{\alpha} = X^{\alpha}$ . Condition (iv) from above Theorem holds too.

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